

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Yukihiro ABIKO et al.

Serial No. 09/995,781

Group Art Unit: 2621

Confirmation No. 1698

Filed: November 29, 2001

Examiner: Erick Rekstad

For: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, METHOD AND STORAGE MEDIUM THEREOF

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on October 27, 2006. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to December 27, 2006.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.